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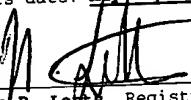
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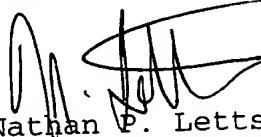
Office in prior application Serial No. _____, filed
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(xx) Due to the large size of some references, only relevant portions have been submitted. The included portions are as follows: WO 99/63088 A2 (Pages 1-2, 34, 41, 230-231, 280-313, 340, 346-377, 447, 488-508, Figures 257-258); WO 00/55180 A2 (pages 1-12, 26, 64-70, 91-93, 136-152, 156, 168-418, 482-486, Sequence Listing 1, 98-99); WO 01/07611 A2 (pages 1-4, 13, 19-98, Figure 323); WO 01/22920 A2 (pages 1-11, 206, 309-408, 1769-2157, 2224-2227, sequence listing 1, 1610-1611); WO 01/54477 A2 (pages 1-111, 113, 161, 182-185, sequence listing 1, 19-20, 610-611); WO 01/64835 A2 (pages 1-130, 177, 253, 282, 490, 509, 650, 837, 890, 1349, 1396-1399); WO 01/66719 A1 (pages 1-29, Figures 1-4, sequence listing 1, 2222-2223). Full text of abbreviated reference is available if requested.

(xx) Reference WO 01/66719 A1 is in a foreign language. Therefore, a Geneseq Search report is attached to demonstrate relevance.

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